

# Bureau of Parks

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## *Discover the diversity of Baltimore City Parks!*

By definition, a park is an area of land set aside for public use; with few or no buildings, maintained for recreational and ornamental purposes; a landscaped city square; a large tract of rural land kept in its natural state and usually reserved for the enjoyment and recreation of visitors; a tract of land attached to a country house, especially when including extensive gardens, woods, or pastures; a stadium or enclosed playing field. Baltimore City has preserved more than 5,700 acres of parkland that includes 433 park properties, a world-class conservatory, an arboretum, bird and wildlife gardens, world renowned sculpture and statuary, thousands of special events, sports and entertainment programs and more. Our properties range from the thousand-acre wilderness park to a quarter of an acre neighborhood playground.

In one of the larger parks, you may find yourself in the middle of a beautiful country estate. Visitors can take a peaceful walk in the woods on the back roads of Druid Hill Park, sit quietly and bird watch by the boat lake at Patterson Park or play a relaxing round of golf in Clifton, Carroll and Forest Parks. Our smaller community parks provide sitting areas to meet and greet your neighbors.

Baltimore City parks consist of over 200 playgrounds, 22 swimming pools, two skating rinks, 110 tennis courts, 18 miles of bike trail and over 200 baseball diamonds and soccer fields. There's something for everyone, from the energetic crowds of young skateboarders to the senior artist painting quietly by a fountain.

## *A Snapshot of 5 Major Baltimore City Parks*

Baltimore City is proud to feature more than 5,700 acres of parkland and public space. Within city borders, the Bureau of Parks maintains over 300,000 street and 200,000 park trees.

### **Carroll Park**

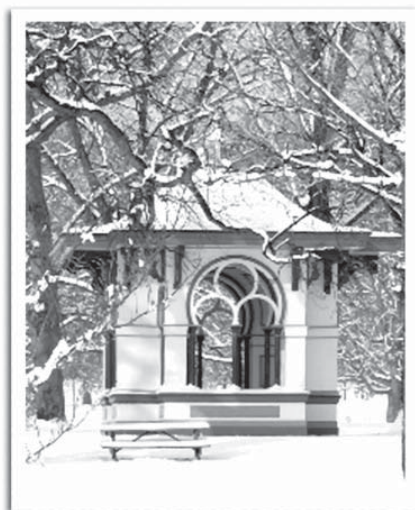
Carroll Park, Baltimore's third country landscape park (after Druid Hill and Patterson parks), is significant for its association with the early development of the park system. Located in Southwest Baltimore, Carroll Park consists of 117 acres of land. Originally a part of Charles Carroll Barrister's Mount Clare estate, the park includes one of the two oldest Federal style mansions that are still standing in Baltimore. Today, Carroll Park boasts an assortment of athletic fields, which are home to the Carroll Park Little League, a neighborhood playground, a spectacular outdoor skating facility as well as a nine-hole golf course.

### **Clifton Park**

Clifton Park is the former estate of Johns Hopkins. It once included a lake, islands, rustic bridges and a marble statuary and sculpture collection. Johns Hopkins purchased a working farm in 1838. Over the next two decades, he improved the grounds and the house. The farmhouse was converted into an Italian Villa with a tower that offers a wonderful view of the harbor and the entire city. Today, Clifton Park is home to an 18-hole golf course and clay tennis courts but still maintains its rolling topography and character as an English landscape garden.

### **Druid Hill Park**

Baltimore's first large municipal park, Druid Hill, is commonly known for its shady lawns, rolling hills, picturesque water features and majestic forest.



Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the history of Druid Hill Park began over two centuries ago when the Susquehanna Indians ceded land that included the park's area in its holdings to Lord Baltimore. Druid Hill Park, purchased in 1860, was developed as part of a nationwide movement to provide large parks for urban dwellers. The construction of Druid Hill Lake began in 1863 and remains the largest earthen-dammed lake in the country. The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore was established in 1876 as a result of people donating various animals to the park. Other amenities include the Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory and the Botanic Gardens of Baltimore.

### **Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park**

Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park constitutes one of the largest municipal tracts in the U.S. and is a distinctive natural environment within a highly urban setting. Originally conceived as a stream valley park by the Olmstead Brothers in their 1904 plan for the City of Baltimore, it was suggested that by associating the larger Gwynns Falls watershed with the stream valley that the entire area could be protected from the pressures of future development. Gwynns Falls/Leakin

Park is one of the few large tracts of land in Baltimore to retain its original collection of structures in relationship to its well-preserved natural landscape. This integrity of setting contributes to the estate's architectural significance as a rural picturesque environment that was essential to the concept of a country estate in the mid 19th century.



### **Patterson Park**

In 1827, Patterson Park began life as a park with six acres of land donated by William Patterson, a wealthy shipping merchant. He hoped to create a "public walk." It became the oldest park in Baltimore and the first gift of land given to a city for the purpose of public recreation. Patterson is Baltimore's most extensively used large park and remains an outstanding example of 19th century park design. The site is surrounded by

extensive row house neighborhoods that rely solely on the park for open space. The Friends of Patterson Park is an active community group that supports the park through fundraising and cleanup projects. They were advocates of the Patterson Park master plan, which was completed in 1998.

## ***City Parks' Highlights***

### **Canton Waterfront Park**

3001 Boston St.  
Baltimore, MD 21224  
Boat ramp, picnic areas and fishing

### **Carroll Park**

1500 Washington Blvd.  
Baltimore, MD 21230  
Baseball, softball, basketball, football, soccer field, golf course, tennis courts, skateboard facility, playground, picnic areas, historical sites and City Farm gardens

### **Chinquapin Run Park**

1000 E. Belvedere Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21239  
Baseball, football, playground, picnic areas and tennis courts

### **Clifton Park**

2801 Harford Road  
Baltimore, MD 21218  
Baseball, softball, football, soccer field, golf course, playground, picnic areas, swimming pool, band shell/stage and City Farm gardens

### **Cylburn Arboretum**

4915 Greenspring Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21209  
Historical site with a Victorian style mansion, woodlands, trails, greenhouses, gardens, museums, herbarium, a horticultural library and group tours

### **Druid Hill Park**

2700 Madison Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21217

Historical site with the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore, Safety City, the Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory and Botanic Gardens of Baltimore, the Baltimore Police K9 Unit, pavilions, groves, horseshoes, baseball/softball diamond, football/soccer field, stadium tennis courts, basketball courts, swimming pool, wading pool, sand volleyball court and City Farm gardens

### **Farring-Baybrook Park**

4501 Farring Court  
Baltimore, MD 21225  
Therapeutic Recreation Division,  
swimming pool, wading pool, playground  
and playing fields

### **Federal Hill Park**

800 Battery Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21230  
Historical site with basketball, playground  
and picnic areas

### **Fort Armistead Park**

4001 Hawkins Point Road  
Baltimore, MD 21226  
Boat ramp, picnic areas and fishing

### **Fort Smallwood Park**

Fort Smallwood Road  
Pasadena, MD 21122  
Campgrounds, playground, picnic areas,  
fishing and pavilions  
Note: Managed and operated by Anne  
Arundel County

### **Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park**

1920 Eagle Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21207  
(410) 396-0440  
[www.gwynnsfallstrail.org](http://www.gwynnsfallstrail.org)  
Historical site with the Carrie Murray  
Nature Center, the Gwynns Falls Trail,  
the Outward Bound Program, baseball/  
softball diamond, soccer/football field,  
playground, picnic areas, golf course,  
tennis court and City Farm gardens

### **Gwynns Falls Trail**

1920 Eagle Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21207  
(410) 396-0440  
[www.gwynnsfallstrail.org](http://www.gwynnsfallstrail.org)  
Come and discover the Gwynns Falls  
Trail. This unique urban greenway  
connects 30 neighborhoods in  
west and southwest Baltimore  
with parklands that stretch over 14  
miles. One of Baltimore's best-kept  
secrets, this mostly paved trail is  
great for hiking, biking, picnicking,  
fishing, walking, jogging, roller-  
blading or just relaxing.

The Gwynns Falls Trail begins in  
Leakin Park and generally follows  
the stream to the Middle Branch and  
the Inner Harbor of the Patapsco  
River. The greenway is composed  
of over 2,000 acres of publicly  
owned land within the Gwynns Falls  
stream valley and includes one of  
the largest wilderness woodland  
parks in the Eastern United States:  
Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park.



### **Hanlon Park**

2400 Longwood St.  
Baltimore, MD 21216  
Baseball/softball diamond, football/  
soccer field, playground, picnic areas  
and tennis court

### **Herring Run Park**

3700 Harford Road

Baltimore, MD 21206

Connects to Montebello Lake area, baseball/softball diamond, football/soccer field, playground, picnic areas, trails and woodlands

### **Jones Falls Trail** (A member of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network)

3001 East Drive

Baltimore, MD 21217

The Jones Falls Trail, a hiking and biking trail, parallels the Jones Falls River and passes by a number of historic mills, the scenic overlook at Round Falls and the Baltimore Street Car Museum. The trail is currently 1.5 miles long running from Penn Station to the southern end of Druid Hill Park, along Falls Road. In 2006, the next phase of the trail will be constructed as 2.75 miles through Druid Hill Park. The Trail, a partnership between Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks, Transportation, Planning, and the Jones Falls Watershed Association, will connect popular attractions in the park such as the reservoir, the Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory and Botanic Gardens of Baltimore and the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. It will leave the park at the north end and enter the Clipper Mill development.

There are numerous opportunities along the trail for volunteers to join in tree and garden plantings, invasive species removal and educational programs.

### **Middle Branch Park**

Hanover Street and Waterview Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21230

The Rowing Club, a boat ramp, playground, picnic areas, fishing, hiking and biking trails

### **The Washington Monument and Museum at Mt. Vernon Place**

699 N. Charles St.

Baltimore, MD 21201



Info line (410) 396-0929

Museum (410) 396-1049

Open Wednesdays through Sundays, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and until 8 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

In 1815, Baltimore's Washington Monument became the first major memorial to George Washington. The 178-foot monument was designed by Robert Mills, the architect of its famous sister monument in Washington, D.C. Located in the heart of beautiful Mt. Vernon, it is the centerpiece of Baltimore's oldest neighborhood. Inside the monument, the history of this great national treasure is traced through the exhibit "The Making of a Monument." Adventurous visitors can climb 228 steps to get to the top and see why this known as the best view in Baltimore.

### **Mt. Vernon Place**

Charles and Monument streets

Baltimore, MD

Home to the Flower Mart, the Baltimore Book Festival and the annual holiday lighting of the Washington Monument, the cultural riches of Mt. Vernon are scattered throughout one of the most beautiful urban areas in the nation. George Washington surveys the neighborhood from atop a 178-foot high marble pillar, the first monument to him in the nation (1815) and the



centerpiece of Mt. Vernon Place. Four elegant European style parks, filled with magnificent bronze statuary, fountains and flowers flank the monument. The four squares of the park are surrounded by stylish 19th century townhouses, tiny back houses and carriage houses, all of which make up the diverse community that has always been Mt. Vernon.

### **Patterson Park**

2601- A E. Baltimore St.  
Baltimore, MD 21224

Historical site with a swimming pool, baseball/softball diamond, soccer/football field, playground, picnic areas, fishing, tennis court, pavilions, indoor ice rink, pagoda and City Farm gardens

### **Reedbird Park**

201 W. Reedbird Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21225

Baseball/softball diamonds, soccer field, basketball court, tennis court, playground, picnic areas and swimming pool

### **Riverside Park**

1800 Covington St.  
Baltimore, MD 21225

Historical site with a baseball diamond, football field, basketball court, swimming pool, playground and picnic areas

### **Robert E. Lee Park**

Falls Road and Lakeside Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21210

Historical site with the Lake Roland Dam, a playground, picnic areas, fishing, pavilions, trails and woodlands

### **Wyman Park**

501 W. 30th St.  
Baltimore, MD 21211

Baseball/softball diamond, soccer/football field, playground, picnic areas, trails and the woodlands

## ***Baltimore City Park Rangers***

You may have seen them patrolling our major parks on foot or on bicycle. The Park Ranger program was established to continue our quest to make Baltimore City Parks the best that they can be. Urban Park Rangers serve as uniformed goodwill ambassadors to the parks. Operating from May through October, our Park Rangers help educate the public and encourage compliance of park rules and regulations. Park Rangers provide an orientation to individual parks, assist with basic visitor services and educate the public about the park system's historical value. Rangers encourage greater park use and act as deterrents to individuals who, through their actions, discourage law-abiding citizens from visiting the parks. The Park Rangers will continue to work with neighboring communities and individuals to improve the Park system and help make Baltimore City park destinations a place where everyone can come to enjoy and relax. To find out more about the Park Ranger program or to become involved, please contact Michael Strawbridge at (410) 396-0440. Applications are available after January 15.

## ***The Permit's Office***

3001 East Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21217  
(410) 396-7070

Your event may require a General Park Permit (private event of less than 350 people with grilling, alcoholic beverages, and/or set up of children's amusement device.), which requires 30 days prior notice; Special Event Permit (event open to the public and/or expected attendance of 350 or more at a private event), which requires 60 days prior notice; or Festival Permit (2,500 plus participants), which requires 120 days notice prior

to the proposed "festival" date(s). An Inner Harbor Permit (Kaufman Pavilion, McKeldin Square and Rash Field East) requires application to be submitted at least 8 weeks prior to the requested event date(s). To download permit application(s), please consult our website at [www.baltimorecity.gov](http://www.baltimorecity.gov) and click permits, or call (410) 396-7070 for assistance.

## *Horticulture Division*

William Vondrasek,  
Chief Horticulturist  
(410) 396-0180

The Horticultural Division adds a little color and life to Baltimore's entryways, gateways, medians, and of course, the parks. One mile of the six-foot-wide Baltimore Washington Parkway median, from the City County line to Waterview Avenue, has been planted with drought tolerant perennials. Half was planted in July 2005 and half was planted in April 2006. This median used to be filled with stone. The Baltimore City Transportation Department played a key role in helping to remove the stone and replace it with soil. The Horticulture Division field crews installed the plantings and irrigation and continually maintain the beds.

Be sure to check out City Hall and the War Memorial Plaza this holiday season for evidence of the Horticulture Division's beautiful hard work.

### **City Farms**

Coleen McCarty, Program Coordinator  
4915 Greenspring Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21209  
(410) 396-7839

The City Farms program was designed as a response to the problem of urban hunger and malnutrition. In 1978, the first City Farm in Baltimore was established at Clifton Park. Today, there are seven large community gardens called City Farms. These gardens are

located in Carroll, Clifton, DeWees/Woodbourne, Druid Hill, Fort Holabird, Leakin and Patterson Parks. The idea was to provide a clean and safe garden, complete with protective fencing and a water source, where inner-city residents can grow their own food.



The program began with federal funding. Today, Baltimore City Recreation and Parks' Horticulture Division runs the program. Membership is open to all Baltimore City residents. The yearly plot rental fee is \$20. Experienced and novice gardeners, young and old, are welcome. In partnership with the Baltimore Area Master Gardeners, Parks and People Foundation and others, the City Farms program offers classes and how-to seminars on gardening, hands-on projects at the City Farm sites, group "clean up" days at the gardens, participation in the annual "Best of Baltimore" Garden contest and other special events. Each year, during the main harvest season, a City Farms Supper is held on the beautiful grounds of Cylburn Arboretum where gardeners from all over the city can meet one another, share their garden bounty, and participate in an awards and recognitions ceremony.

Although the original purpose of the City Farms program was to help folks feed themselves, the effects of the urban gardens extend far beyond food production. The City Farm program offers city residents a green haven to recreate, work the soil, get to know one

another, exchange ideas and seeds and share knowledge with others. In short, the City Farms program provides a simple way to help nourish the body, the soul and the community.

### **Cylburn Arboretum**

Melissa Grim, Greenhouse Supervisor  
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Baltimore, MD 21209  
(410) 396-0180  
[www.cylburnassociation.org](http://www.cylburnassociation.org)



Cylburn Arboretum is a nature preserve encompassing 207 acres of woodlands. It has more than two miles of nature trails and a historic mansion. Cylburn also features a variety of large specimen trees and seasonal gardens, including shade gardens, backyard gardens, display gardens and a formal garden. The Horticultural Division manages Cylburn Arboretum in partnership with the Cylburn Arboretum Association (CAA), a resident non-profit organization.

Seasonal events include the annual Market Day, an Arbor Day Celebration and the Tulip Dig. Monthly activities include afternoon teas, horticultural lectures and workshops and open houses. The first floor of the mansion is available to rent for meetings, workshops and wedding receptions. The

gardens may also be rented for wedding ceremonies and photo shoots.

For more information, including hours, special events, volunteer opportunities and rental information, please call (410) 396-0180, or visit Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### **The Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory and Botanic Gardens of Baltimore**

Kate Blom, Conservatory Supervisor  
Druid Hill Park at Gwynns Falls Parkway  
Baltimore, MD 21217  
(410) 396-0008

The Conservatory features year-round displays of plant material in five distinct areas of the facility: the 1888 Palm House, the Orchid Room, Mediterranean House, Tropical House and Desert House. There are 35 flowerbeds in the 1½-acre garden that provides interest and color from early spring until late fall. In addition, three major flower displays are planned during the year, which include the Spring Flower Show, the Fall Chrysanthemum and the Holiday Poinsettia displays. Annual public events held at the conservatory include the Easter Egg Hunt, an Afternoon in the Garden, Fall Open House and Holiday Open House. The two new pavilions can be rented for special events and meetings. For more information on fees or hours of operation, please call (410) 396-0008. The grounds are open to the public with a minimum donation of \$2 per person for guided tours.

### ***Division of Forestry***

Rebecca Feldberg, City Arborist  
2600 Madison Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21217  
(410) 396-6110

Trees in the park, alongside the street, on the sidewalks and in the medians are the trees that are cared for by Baltimore



City Recreation and Parks' Forestry Division. With over 300,000 street trees and all the trees in our city parks, Forestry always has a busy day. Like any living and growing thing, trees require water, air, sunlight and a little TLC.

Part of a tree's natural growth often causes branches to die or to grow in directions that get in the way of an urban environment. Branches often have to be pruned and others have to be cared for through cables and braces. Trimming crews try to concentrate on one section of the city at time, minimizing wasted travel and set-up time. But more often than not, schedules are interrupted when crews are sent out on emergency calls. Trees that are given the highest priority are dangerous and diseased trees. Weak trees have to be removed before others become infected, or they fall unexpectedly. The next priority is pruning and treating other problem trees.



### **Have a problem? Call “311”**

Citizens should never try to deal with a public tree problem on their own even if it's in front of their home! They should call 311 and report the problem. Trees

on private property, however, are the responsibility of the homeowner. A list of reputable local tree companies is available from the Division of Forestry.

### **What can you do to help us keep Baltimore City's forests healthy?**

You can help the city and your community by keeping your tree pit area clean and free from weeds. Homeowners are discouraged from increasing soil height in tree pits to grow flowers and other plants because this adversely affects the root system of the tree. Watering and mulching trees during warmer months keeps them healthy. Pet owners can help out by keeping their animals out of these areas, but if it's an emergency, remember to pick up!

## ***Park Conservation and Community Outreach***

Hugo Lam,  
Environmental Conservation Analysis  
2600 Madison Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21217  
(410) 396-0339

“The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit.”

-- Nelson Henderson

Our Baltimore Park woodlands protect 30 miles of streams and provide homes for countless species of local wildlife and migratory bird populations. These natural areas are important to improving the quality of life in urban areas and need our help to stay healthy.

The Park Conservation Office coordinates tree planting and environmental enhancement/restoration projects in Baltimore City parks through the Community Forestry, Urban Weed Warrior and Neighborhood Tree Steward Programs. Contact us to find out how you can help “TREE BALTIMORE!”

## **Community Forestry**

Sharon Schueler  
2600 Madison Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21217  
(410) 396-0339

Trees provide many benefits to the citizens of Baltimore, cleaner air, shade, cooler temperatures in the summer and habitat for urban wildlife! Volunteer with the Community Forestry program to plant trees in city parks so that this valuable resource will continue to provide these benefits for future generations!

## **Urban Weed Warriors Program**

2600 Madison Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21217  
(410) 396-0359

Alien plants are invading Baltimore! Invasive plants such as English ivy, Japanese honeysuckle, and porcelain berry are escaping from gardens and causing severe ecological harm. These plants strangle native trees, overgrow herbaceous plants, increase songbird nest predation and lead to soil and water pollution. We need your help! Volunteers are trained and certified to work in Baltimore City parks alone or in organized groups. If you would like additional information about invasive/exotic plants in Baltimore, to participate in our Urban Weed Warriors Training Program or to volunteer for a project, please contact the PCCO office or email [weeds@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:weeds@baltimorecity.gov).

## **Neighborhood Tree Steward Program**

Jahmilla Wilson  
2600 Madison Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21217  
(410) 396-0729

Learn to love your neighborhood street and park trees! This six-class session program will teach you how trees function in an urban environment, certify you to prune, maintain, plant and, in general, love your young neighborhood trees! This program is coordinated in

partnership with the Parks & People Foundation through funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

## ***Partnerships***

### **Partnerships and Community Outreach**

Jennifer Morgan, Director  
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Baltimore City needs your help to make our parks the greatest in the country. This office promotes public and private partnerships to increase the aesthetic and environmental quality of Baltimore City's parks, trails and greenways. Partnerships can significantly improve city parklands when local residents become active park stewards.

We welcome conversations with neighborhood, civic or nonprofit organizations, businesses and corporations interested in partnering with Recreation and Parks to help improve existing conditions of our city's parks. Groups adopting formal partnership agreements with the department may also be eligible for partnership investment



funds. Partnership applications can be downloaded online from the Baltimore City Recreation and Parks' Web site.

#### **List of Official Partners:**

- Abell Improvement Association
- Audubon Maryland - DC
- Baltimore Beach Volleyball
- Baltimore-Chesapeake Rugby & Football Club
- Baltimore Herb Festival, Inc.
- Baltimore Sports & Social Club
- Bible Day World Outreach
- Bolton-Park Neighbors, Inc.
- Bayview Community Association
- Canton Community Association
- Charles Village Recreation League, Inc.
- Cylburn Arboretum Association
- DHP Players, Inc.
- Eastside Raiders
- Eastwood Park
- Elmley Park
- Friends of Mt. Vernon Place
- Friends of Patterson Park
- Friends of Union Square
- Friends of Violetville Park
- Friends of Wyman Park Dell
- Gwynns Falls Trail Council
- Hampden Community Association

- J.A. Raiders Soccer & Social Club
- The Jones Falls Watershed Association
- Kickball League of Baltimore, Inc.
- Leon Day Foundation, Inc.
- Little Italy Community Organization, Inc.
- Maryland Lacrosse Club II
- Masjid Ul-Haqq
- Mount Vernon and Belvedere Association
- North East Youth Association
- Parks & People Foundation
- Park Heights Community Golf Range, Inc.
- Remington Neighborhood Alliance
- St. Ignatius Loyola Academy
- Seton Hill Association
- South Baltimore Improvement Committee, Inc.
- Two Rivers Park
- The Greater Baltimore Urban League
- Woodberry Land Trust

#### **BELIEVE in a greener Baltimore**

501c3 program through the  
Baltimore City Foundation  
(410) 396-7837  
green@baltimorecity.gov

# BE A VOLUNTEER!



## *Volunteer Opportunities at Recreation and Parks*

We encourage community and corporate benefactors to become more concerned, involved and conscious about the benefits we all receive by having great parks in the city! Baltimore City's volunteer park service program, BELIEVE in a Greener Baltimore, coordinates and facilitates service projects benefiting our parks!

How can you get involved? Participate in one of our park improvement projects, and pass the word to friends and neighbors that everyone should get involved in making our parks the best that they can be! Donate money, time or materials! All donations go directly to implement park service projects and are used to purchase tools, trees, plants and other supplies to maintain, promote and beautify our city parks!

### **Partnerships for Parks**

The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks and the Parks & People Foundation have come together to encourage and work with community groups interested in participating in park maintenance and enhancement projects. Our goal is to develop their capacity to become active partners in caring for their parks. These innovative partnerships of public and private organizations can provide an expanded workforce, lever-

age financial and human resources and connect education to outdoor learning environments, while empowering communities to take control of the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

The Partnerships for Parks program offers assistance with organizing successful events, recruiting volunteers, fund raising, providing technical support for physical improvement activities, making parks safer, building alliances and part-



nerships, starting a park friends group, negotiating agreements and providing small project grants. Currently, there are numerous Park Friends groups, neighborhood organizations and individuals involved in park improvement projects. The Partnerships for Parks program is designed to strengthen this involvement by formalizing partnerships with the city. Successful partnerships inspire others to become actively involved in Baltimore parks.

Partnership for Parks Grant projects are generally funded up to \$1,000 (though larger projects can be eligible) and are awarded according to financial need, level of volunteer stewardship, project feasibility and site location.

Grants can be used for plant materials, soil enhancement, tools and equipment, related supplies and maintenance activities. The twice yearly grant cycle coincides with the spring and fall growing season. Call Parks & People for deadlines. Please contact Andrea Claypoole and Kidada Fields at (410) 448-5669 or by e-mail at [andrea.claypoole@parksandpeople.org](mailto:andrea.claypoole@parksandpeople.org) and [kidada.fields@parksandpeople.org](mailto:kidada.fields@parksandpeople.org).

Check our Web site for upcoming workshops on grant writing, fundraising, event planning and volunteer recruitment! <http://baltimorecity.gov/government/recnparks/home.htm> [www.parksandpeople.org](http://www.parksandpeople.org)

